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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/521,674</p>	<p>Applicant(s) WEYL ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner BACH T. DINH</p>	<p>Art Unit 1795</p>	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 26 January 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
- (a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
- The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
- Claim(s) allowed: _____.
- Claim(s) objected to: _____.
- Claim(s) rejected: 15-17 and 21-30.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See continuation sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Kaj K Olsen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795

The amendment filed on 12/17/2008 will not be entered because the limitation requiring the spring element being arranged as a spring ring of claim 15 is a new issue not previously considered.

Applicant's argument filed on 12/17/2008 is not persuasive for the argument is directed to the newly added limitation.

With respect to applicant's argument regarding the 102(b) rejection of claims 15, 17-27 and 29-30 as being anticipated by Weyl (US 6,322,681), the limitation "a groove" is interpreted to include "a depression". The spring element disclosed in figures 2C-2E have multiple depressions with respect to the outer edge of the spring element; therefore, the spring element of Weyl comprises multiple grooves, which read on the groove of current claim. As stated in the previous office actions, when the sensor element 3 being inserted into the half-shells 9 and 10, the spring element 1, the insertion force would deform part of the spring element in a direction that is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the sensor element. Furthermore, as a thin element, any forces, including the clamping force, applied to the spring element would deform the spring element in a direction that is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the sensor element. With respect to claim 21, the depressions or the grooves of the spring element are facing away from the half-shells 9 and 10 when the sensor element is assembled. With respect to claim 22, the spring element of Weyl comprises multiple grooves, including the groove that is situated centrally to the spring section. With respect to claim 23, the spring element in figures 2C-2E clearly has wedge-shaped depressions with rounded ends in the direction of the spring section. With respect to claim 24, the depressions are radially inward oriented tongue-shaped area. With respect to claim 25, the spring element of Weyl comprises multiple grooves, including two that are diametrically opposing one another (figures 2C-2E).

With respect to applicant's argument regarding the 102(b) rejection of claims 15, 17-27 and 29-30 as being anticipated by Kojima (US 2001/0025522), the argument is not persuasive for it is directed to the newly added limitation "a spring ring".